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Mr. George Rieger
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Pittsburgh, Pa 15220

Subject: Adoption of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Dents Run Watershed
Ecosystem Restoration. CEQ # 20060112

Dear Mr. Rieger:

Thank you for forwarding the subject EIS for the restoration of the Dents Run Watershed restoration project for our information. In accordance with the CEQ regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 Section 1506.3, an Agency may adopt a federal draft or final environmental impact statement provided that the FEIS meets the standards of the regulations. If the action covered by the original statement and the proposed action are substantially the same the Agency adopting the EIS is not required to recirculate it except as a final EIS. As an adoption the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will provide no formal comment letter to the EIS. Since the Office of Surface Mining is not changing the reclamation area or the reclamation approach disclosed by the Army Corps of Engineers in the original Draft EIS, EPA has no further comments or concerns with this project.

Thank you for forwarding this project, if you have any questions, please contact me at (215)814-3367.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "William Arguto", is positioned above the printed name.

William Arguto
NEPA Team Leader

